

TEXAS BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS
Minutes of June 14, 2016 Legislative Committee Meeting
William P. Hobby Jr. Building, 333 Guadalupe Street
Tower III, Conference Room 102
Austin, TX 78701
1:00 p.m. until completion of business

AGENDA ITEMS

DESCRIPTIONS

1. Call to Order

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Davis called the roll.

Present Committee Members

Michael (Chad) Davis	Chair – Landscape Architect Member
Charles (Chuck) Anastos	Architect Member
Chase Bearden	Public Member
Robert (Bob) Wetmore	Architect Member

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Approval of January 21, 2015 Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED (Bearden/Davis) TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 21, 2015 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Review the proposed 2017-2021 Strategic Plan Redundancies and Impediments

Ms. Hildebrand provided instructions to the Committee for completing the Strategic Plan. She informed them that she had listed the redundancies the agency had corrected. She also stated that she would update the section on employment restrictions.

The Committee discussed the impediments of the Strategic Plan, specifically the annual SDSI payment to the General Revenue, SOAH's fee, the rent or SWCAP fee, the OAG's fee and the loss of revenue from penalties assessed by the agency. Ms. Hildebrand informed the members that all regulatory agencies pay monies into the General Revenue fund and the agency still keeps 80% of its revenue unlike appropriated agencies. The Committee discussed the possible need to raise fees in 2019 in order to maintain the eight (8) month reserve fund.

Mr. Davis suggested that the Committee review the pros and cons of the SDSI program. After lengthy discussions amongst the Committee members, the Committee decided to vote on a motion regarding the Strategic Plan.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED (Anastos/Bearden) THAT WE ADD A STATEMENT TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN DEALING WITH EITHER THE REDUCTION IN FEES PAID TO THE STATE OR AN INCREASE IN FEES TO OUR

REGISTRANTS TO ACCOMMODATE THE AGENCY'S ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Distribution and discussion of general legislative and procedural information

The Chair directed the Committee members to page 10 of the notebook and stated that the agency would be closely monitoring these items with a special focus on occupational licensing in the upcoming session.

**a. Interim charges of oversight committees
b. Agency fact sheets and prepared materials**

The Committee discussed code issues at length, as well as the reported problems with contractors. It was noted that this item should be discussed during a full Board meeting. Other items of interest discussed were the need to shorten the Statute of Repose, changes to the declaratory and injunctive relief and clarification of what circumstances prompt a report to the Ethics Commission.

7. Potential legislative issues and the Board's instructions to staff regarding those issues

The Committee discussed the issues regarding interior design deregulation and suggestions for Ms. Hildebrand testifying before the Legislature.

8. Chair's closing remarks

The Chair thanked the Committee members for their work.

9. Adjournment

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED (Bearden/Anastos) TO ADJOURN AT 2:43 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE:



MICHAEL (CHAD) DAVIS, RLA
Chair, TEXAS BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS